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(ix) Finance of Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

883. Two Industrial Banks and two Central Banks were able to obtain loans to the extent of Rs. 5·49 lakhs from Reserve Bank of India during the year.

884. *Weavers' Co operative Movement.*—Statistics relating to Weavers' Co-operative Societies in the State as on 31st March 1960 :—

	Number of Societies	Number of looms	Number of weavers
Cotton ...	405	74,056	78,265
Wool ...	126	12,431	13,072
Silk ..	40	4 416	4,416

Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

885. The paid up share capital of the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies (Cotton) was Rs. 16,24,318.

886. Separate Apex Weavers' Co-operative Societies ware established in the State for cotton, woollen and silk weavers.

(x) Handicraft Schemes.

Apex Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

887. A budget provision of Rs. 5·5 lakhs for the development of Handicrafts was provided for Loans and grants.

888. This includes the Central assistance of Rs. 3·5 lakhs grant and 1·0 lakh loan. A sum of Rs. 5·3 lakhs has been spent on Handicraft Schemes during the year Twenty-two Handicraft Co-operative Societies were given financial assistance towards working capital and managerial expenses during the year.

Common facility scheme.

889. *Seasoning Kiln for Wood and Bamboo, Shimoga.*—This scheme was sanctioned by the State Government at a total cost of Rs.76,200.

Refresher Course Training to Craftsman.

890. *Dyeing and Printing School at Nanjangud.*—A sum of Rs. 6,936 was spent for the implementation of the above scheme.

891. A sum of Rs.4.674 was spent in respect of Refresher Course Training to Craftsman, during the year.

892. The Training in Soapstone Industry at the Regional Design Centre, Bangalore, Sculpture training centre at Mysore City, and the Dolls and toys making centre, Belgaum were in progress during the year.

Fifth All India Handicrafts Week.

893. In addition to the implementation of the several Handicrafts schemes, the Department also celebrated the fifth All-India Handicrafts week throughout the State from 5th to 13th December 1959.

Home Industries.

894. There were 125 Mahila Samajas located in different parts of the State imparting training to ladies in several useful crafts such as tailoring, mat-weaving, cloth-printing, rattan work, embroidery and knitting, etc.

895. It is reported that on an average about 2,000 ladies were undergoing training in the Mahila Samajas and other Social Welfare Organisations in the State.

(xi) The Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati.

Board of Management

896. The Board of Management was reconstituted from 1st July 1959 until further orders, with the Chief Minister as Chairman.

Constitution of Corporation.

897. Government decided to constitute the Mysore Iron and Steel Works into a Corporation as a Private Limited Company under the Indian Companies Act, with the entire share capital being held by the State Government. The decision was necessitated in order to fall in line with the accepted policy of the Government of India in respect of the management of large scale State industrial undertakings in the country.

Operation and Output.

898. The output of the principal products in 1959-60 against the original and revised targets and production achieved during the preceding two years, are as follows :—

Products	Targets for 1959-60	Revised target for 1959-60	Actuals for 1959-60	Actuals for 1958-59	Actuals for 1957-58
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Pig Iron ...					
Electric Pig Iron Furnaces ...	58,000	58,000	59,252	57,984	59,048
Blast Furnance ...	25,000	23,100	24,698	26,554	25,589
Steel Ingots in open Hearth Electric Furnace Ingots ..	45,500	46 600	44,215	42,213	34,809
Steel Sections ...	25,000	27 500	29,365	29,266	25,8-2
Steel Hoops ...	7,500	6 00	5 871	4,776	4,284
Steel Rods ½" ...	2,500	1,500	1,715	5,741	5,428
Cement ...	79 000	79 000	82 561	75,583	67,584
Ferro Silicon ...	6 700	6 996	6,782	6,327	4,659
Ferro Manganese ...	750	...	...	983	2,439
C. I. Spun Pipes ...	12,000	4,000	4,554	8,103	1,474
C. I Pipes ...	10,000	10.000	10,800	8,970	11,127
C. I. Plate Sleepers ...	15,000	10,500	10,153	8,433	5,074
C. I Castings ...	5.000	4,800	4,820	8,876	3,976
Steel Castings ...	700	1,000	971	701	785
Steel Structures ...	2,500	1,700	1,899	1,183	2,027
Acetic Acid ...	200	130	93	127	149